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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Remarks*

1. The request for a (3) month suspension of prosecution filed June 24, 2002 is noted. That period having expired, prosecution commences.

Aside, it is noted that no additional information has been provided as regards the photographs of prior art latches listed on the I.D.S. filed June 13, 2001 which cannot be fully considered.

### *Response to Amendment*

2. The reply filed on June 24, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

- a. Applicant has not indicated which claims read on the elected embodiment of the invention. See the original requirement for election of species, Paper No. 4 requiring such indication with addition of claims. See MPEP 809.02(a). See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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***Conclusion***

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J.J. Swann, can be reached on (703) 306-4115.

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